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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SWEL, EAID, RO  
SUBJECT: ROMANIAN EARTHQUAKE: SEISMIC ANALYSIS

REF: (A) STATE 051951; (B) STATE 049429

1. IN LIGHT REFTTEL WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TODAY  
FURTHER SPECIFIC ADVICE USGS EARTHQUAKE SPECIALISTS  
CAN OFFER RE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO TAKE IN CASE OF  
A FOLLOW-ON EARTHQUAKE OF SIGNIFICANT MAGNITUDE. WE  
ASSUME THERE EXISTS A SUBSTANTIAL BODY OF EXPERIENCE  
RESULTING FROM EXTENSIVE STUDIES OF MAJOR EARTHQUAKE  
DISTURBANCES IN RECENT YEARS.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THERE ARE CERTAIN BASIC COMMON  
SENSE RULES TO FOLLOW SUCH AS THOSE RECOMMENDED IN  
PARA 2 REF (B), BUT WOULD LIKE MORE SPECIFIC ADVICE  
ON SUCH SITUATIONS AS (1) WHAT TO DO IF UNABLE TO  
EXIT FROM ANVUILDING DURING A  
QUAKE; (2) IS THEIR ANY PREDICTABLE LIKELIHOOD  
OF ANY ADVANCE WARNING SHOULD A SECOND QUAKE  
OCCUR; (3) IF SO, WHAT ARE THE SALIENT RECOGNITION  
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SIGNS. THESE ARE ILLUSTRATIVE QUESTIONS OF THE  
SORT WE FEEL A STRONG NEED TO SHARE PROMPTLY THE  
ANSWERS TO IN OUR EFFORT TO KEEP THE EMBASSY  
COMMUNITY AND OTHERS INFORMED AND PREPARED IN THE  
EVENT OF A FURTHER DISASTER.

3. AMBASSADOR IS CONVENING ENTIRE AMERICAN COM-

MUNITY AT NOON TODAY TO SHARE WITH THEM ESSENCE OF REFTEL (A). IN EFFORT TO CONTROL RUMORS AND SPECULATION WE HAVE DECLASSIFIED CABLE AND ARE MAKING IT AVAILABLE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES INCLUDING FOREIGN MISSIONS. AMBASSADOR IS AT PRESENT IN MEETING WITH DEP FONMIN PACOSTE DISCUSSING POST-QUAKE SITUATION AND WILL PRESENT HIM ROMANIAN TRANSLATION OF REFTEL.

4. UNDERSTANDABLY, WE ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO RECEIVE INQUIRIES FROM STAFF RELATING TO EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS TO A SAFEHAVEN. ALTHOUGH NO ONE IS PANICKING, LEVEL OF CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF FAMILIES IS RUNNING VERY HIGH THIS MORNING.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: AMBASSADOR REQUESTS THAT JOAN CLARK, EUR/EX, TELEPHONE HIM THIS EVENING AT 1800 HOURS BUCHAREST TIME TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN PARA 4. ALTERNATIVELY, SHE MAY WISH JOIN NIGHTLY ANDREWS/VIETS CONFERENCE CALL. SPECIFICALLY REQUEST SHE BE PREPARED ADDRESS DEPARTMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO FUND EVACUATION TO SAFEHAVEN OF ANY DEPENDENTS WHO MAY WISH TO LEAVE.

6. GIVEN THIS NOW WELL DOCUMENTED HISTORICAL RECORD OF REOCCURRENCES OF EARTHQUAKES IN THIS REGION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON WISDOM OF POSTPONING VARIETY OF PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED VISITS (E.G. NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESERVATION TOUR STATE 051357), P&C EXHIBITS AND THE LIKE. WE CONZCNU TO FAVOR BUSINESS AS USUAL POSTURE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE BUT CERTAINLY NOT IF IT IS JUDGMENT OF EXPERTS THAT BY SO PURSUING THIS POLICY WE JEOPARDIZE LIFE AND LIMB OF ANY VISITORS.  
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